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SUPERVISORS CONFESS

Seventeen of the Eighteen
Admit Guilt.

GRAND JURY IS MOVING

Attempts to Rescue Ruef Met by
Precautions of the
Guards.

TRIAL OF RUEF ON MONDAY

Reported That Schmitz Forced Resig-
nations of Several Supervisors To
Protect Franchise For His Corpora-
tion Friends Who Were in Danger.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 29.—No session of the Grand Jury was held today. It will meet again tomorrow and many conclude the investigation of alleged bribery of the Supervisors by the Telephone Corporations. Seventeen supervisors out of the eighteen have confessed. On Monday the Grand Jury expects to resume the investigations of the alleged bribery of the supervisors in granting the trolley franchises to the United Railways Company and the trial of Abe Ruef and alleged extortion of the French Restaurant comes on Tuesday. It is reported today that Mayor Schmitz forced the resignations of a number of supervisors in order to save the street railway franchises for corporations which are said to be in danger of confiscation.

LITHOGRAPHERS STRIKE.

Began Last August Now About to be
Settled by Arbitration.

NEW YORK, March 29.—The first serious attempt which has been made to end the strike of the lithographers which began last August has been started and it is believed that it will lead to conferences resulting in a settlement. The initiative has been taken by the New York local which has voted to submit a proposed five years agreement to all the members of the National Association of Employing Lithographers, containing a modification of the 8-hour work day demand, the refusal of which caused the strike. This agreement provides, among other things, that the fifty-one hour working week go into effect on January, 1908, and the 48-hour working week July 1, 1908.

By a vote of 431 to 81 the New York local of the Union has voted in favor of submitting this agreement to the employers and it was stated yesterday that the branches of the Union throughout the country are taking a referendum vote on it, the vote to be recorded on Monday.

SWEDEN IN TROUBLE.

Burglar Held Pending Investigation of
Former Record in Sweden.

NEW YORK, March 29.—L. D. Foulkes, the former valet of L. Schiff, who broke into Mr. Schiff's house, stole \$200 worth of jewelry and assaulted Mr. Schiff on the night of March 8, was up for sentence before Judge Rosalesky yesterday. DeFoulkes who says his right name is Folke Engelbrandt, had pleaded guilty in the first degree. He admitted writing letters to Mrs. Schiff and said to Judge Rosalesky:

"I went there to kill Mr. Schiff. I hid in the room and he came home and when he appeared I hit him on the head with a nine-pin." He was re-

manded to be sentenced at a later date. The judge wanted to hear from Sweden, the native place of the burglar, who, it is said, has served a term for burglary in that country. If this should prove true, it will be likely to go hard with the prisoner, who could be imprisoned for life for burglary in the first degree.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN CLUB.

NEW YORK, March 29.—Composed of those who have lived in the Rocky Mountain regions, the Rocky Mountain Club has engaged all of the second floor of the Pierpont Hotel, West 32nd Street. It is arranged to have the opening of the club quarters on April 15.

The membership includes many men who are prominent in the business and professional life of New York.

RAILROAD MAN DIES.

CHICAGO, March 29.—Edward S. Nichols, 37 years old, vice-president and general manager of the South Side Elevated Railroad Company, died last night of pneumonia. He had been ill for two weeks.

KING ALPHONSO ILL.

LONDON, March 29.—According to Vanity Fair disquieting reports come to Madrid, as to the health of King Alfonso. It is said that he has been suffering from a recurrence of the lung trouble of several months ago, when it was rumored that he was affected with tuberculosis.

LULL IN THAW CASE

Good Friday Causes Cessation of
Commissions' Examination.

PROCEEDINGS WILL BE SECRET

Examination of Thaw So Far Has Been
To Discover If He Is Able to Con-
sult Intelligently With Attorneys—
Defense Sanguine.

NEW YORK, March 29.—This being Good Friday, there is a lull in the Thaw case. His examination by a commission in lunacy, which is to determine his present mental condition, will be resumed tomorrow morning. The proceedings will be in private as they were yesterday at the prisoner's request.

It was learned last night that when the commission asked Thaw to take the witness chair yesterday, preparatory to questioning him, he made a short statement, the purport of which was that he was entirely willing to be interrogated but that he wished the questions put to him in a plain way in order that he could understand them.

Most of the examining was done by Chairman David McClure, Dr. Leopold Putzell, the alienist member of the commission, asking few questions, but devoting himself to careful observation of the prisoner. It is said that Thaw, who manifested nervousness before the court room, was cleared of reporters at the direction of Mr. McClure, became quite cool soon after the examination began, and that this self-possession lasted throughout the whole two hours that he was in the witness chair.

The questions asked him were all aimed at finding out how well equipped he was mentally to consult with his lawyers when the trial began. They therefore had to do with the selection of the jury and his part in the preliminary of the trial and the meaning of the letters and notes he sent to Mr. Delmas during the trial. These letters and notes are the ones Delmas incorporated in the affidavit he submitted to Justice Fitzgerald contending that his client was sane. The prisoner and lawyers were decidedly sanguine.

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TRAINMEN MAY STRIKE

Both Sides Standing Firm
in Demands.

SEVERAL PROPOSALS

Board of Arbitration Has Been
Appointed By the U. S.
Government.

END NOW HOPED FOR

However Each Declares the Other Must
Make Concessions or Result Will Be
A Failure—Railroad Managers Say
They Have Made All Possible.

CHICAGO, March 29.—Whether or not there will be a strike of the employees in the train service of the western railroads, depends on the outcome of the meeting to be held here tomorrow morning between the two government officials, and representatives of the union and the railroads. The Government will be represented by Martin Knapp, Chairman of the Interstate Commerce Commission and Charles F. Neill, Commissioner of Labor. The railroads declare tonight that they have conceded everything they possibly can and the Union leaders made an emphatic declaration that further concessions will have to be made or tomorrow meeting will be a failure so far as preventing a strike is concerned.

POLICE COURT.

Two Loggers Fined On Vagrancy
Charge Sentence Suspended.

In Police court yesterday Mike O'Hallarn and C. Lundy were convicted of vagrancy and fined \$100 and given 60 days in jail. However Judge Anderson on motion of Prosecutor Abercrombie suspended sentence on condition that both men leave town. The testimony of the officers developed that the fellows worked but a small share of the time and that they were in the habit of leaving town for a few days and then bringing back some logger with money and acted as pilot, in showing him where the lights shown the reddest as long as it lasted. They are loggers by trade, thus it was easy for them to prey upon the men who had worked hard for their money. In sentencing the men Judge Anderson scored them severely along the line of the shame of preying on the efforts of others.

GENERAL MACARTHUR CHANGED.

Now Has Charge of the Department of
the Lakes.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 29.—The Call says today that Lieutenant General Arthur MacArthur has been ordered to Chicago to take command of the Department of the Lakes. General MacArthur has been stationed here for the last four years. He came here as commander of the Department of California; two years later he was made commander of the Pacific division.

VIRUS FOR SQUIRRELS.

PULLMAN, Wash., Mar. 29.—Stanley Piper, of the Biological Survey, U. S. Department of Agriculture, has arrived in Pullman to take up the work of destroying the ground squirrel, which has assumed considerable

importance as a destroyer of wheat. Mr. Piper will work in co-operation with the experiment station at the state college. The method to be pursued will be to inoculate the squirrels with the virus which proved so deadly several years ago. This virus is now under propagation at the college, and enough will be produced this year to spread the disease over a large area. Grain growers in sections where the squirrels have become troublesome are asked to send live animals to the station for inoculation, the more that are sent the quicker will the disease be spread.

NEW OREGON FIRMS.

SALEM, Ore., March 29.—Articles of incorporation were filed in the corporation bureau of the office of Secretary of State yesterday afternoon, as follows:

The Tillamook Bay Company, of Bay City, \$4500; Robert J. Hendricks, J. O. Bozorth, incorporators. Deams Realty Company, at Portland, \$100,000; Emanuel May, C. Morton Cohen, and Alexander Bernstein, are incorporators.

BANANA REPUBLICS AGAIN.

CARACAS, March 29.—Senor Diaz Granados, Colombian confidential agent, has left here suddenly, having absolutely failed to effect a settlement with Venezuela because of his governments having either from complicity or carelessness allowed General Penabaz, to organize a revolution in Colombia against Venezuela.

EIGHT MILLION MORE

Population of U. S. Increased Rapidly
in Six Years.

CITIES ARE GAINING GREATLY

Estimate Based On Census of Fourteen
States Takes in Nineteen Hundred
And Five—Cities Increase Seven Per
Cent Faster Than Country.

WASHINGTON, March 29.—There are now nearly eight millions more people in Continental United States than there were six years ago. The estimate is based upon figures compiled by the census bureau in a special report. According to its estimates, the population of continental United States in 1906 was 83,941,510, this being an increase over 1900 of 7,946,935. The population of the United States, inclusive of Alaska and the insular possessions in 1906 was 93,162,140. The growth in population is continental United States from 1905 to 1906 was 1,367,915.

STEUNENBERG DIES.

BOISE, March 29.—Bernardus Steunenberg, father of former Governor Steunenberg, died this afternoon at Caldwell, aged 73. He was born in Holland and came to the United States when fourteen.

THE DYNAMITE ROUTE.

JOHANNESBURG, March 29.—Four white men, including an American, William Harvey, and fifty natives were instantly killed today by an explosion of dynamite in the Dreyfontein mine.

DARKY HAS CONSUMPTION.

LONDON, March 29.—A Rome dispatch to the evening Telegraph Company says that Maxim Gorky the writer, is seriously ill there with consumption.

CHINESE RECOGNIZE AUTO.

PARIS, March 29.—The Chinese Assembly have authorized an automobile run organized by The Matin, from Pekin to Paris. The run will begin June 1.

FAULT OF SWITCHMAN

Carelessness Causes Death
List of 22.

THE CORONER'S INQUEST

The High Rate of Speed of Over-
land in Yards a Contribu-
tory Cause.

INEXPERIENCE ANOTHER

The Yardmaster at Colton Blames the
Switching Crew and Engineer of the
Overland And is Sustained By the
many Given at Coroner's Inquest.

COLTON, March 29.—As a result of the wreck of the Sunset Express at this place yesterday the death list has reached a total of 22. A report given given circulation tonight that the number of bodies seen under the cars is believed to be untrue for the reason that the debris has been set on fire as means of clearing the tracks.

The responsibility for the accident cannot be determined until tomorrow evening when the Coroner's inquest which was begun today will be concluded. The testimony today is deemed most important. It was that relating to the experience of the men composing the switch crew which have been blamed for the accident. It was admitted that one member had been at work but two days, a second two weeks, and a third employed had been in the neighborhood three weeks. One fireman on the switch engine had never read the yard rules. T. S. Alvord, a man testified that he had been notified at five o'clock that the Overland was eight hours late, and that he had received no subsequent notifications of its whereabouts. He declared that the engineer Wormington violated the rules by entering the yards at a rate of speed variously estimated from thirty to fifty miles an hour when the train could have been under complete control. The immediate responsibility of the open switch was assumed by J. G. Gruessmeyer a switchman, who admitted that he had left the switch open after the engine had left the main line. That he had afterwards, vainly attempted to flag the fast coming Overland. The Yardmaster blames the switching crew and engineer.

ASTORIA MEN.

Why Are Not More of Them Members
of the Church.

Rev. C. C. Rarick, pastor of the First Methodist church, on the 14th of April will begin a series of sermons dealing with the question "Why are not more Astoria men, members of the church. It is the pastor's intention to preach from the laymans point of view on this important question and to that end he is addressing letters to representative citizens asking their opinions and reasons on the question, in hand. It is these answers which will form the base of his sermons. Asking the following questions and continuing further he says:

- (1) "Why are not more men, members of the Church?"
- (2) "Are the churches of your acquaintance really doing the work you believe the Church of Christ was founded to accomplish?"
- (3) "What do you consider the most helpful features of church life to-day?"
- (4) "Please suggest a topic or two

that preachers should handle in the pulpit.

"I am writing to a number of representative citizens about this, and their answers, I am frank to say, will form the basis of a series of sermons I hope to preach at the First Methodist dist church, beginning Sunday evening April 14th. Your communication will be considered strictly confidential. Should you be able to attend the series of sermons, I assure you that you will not be addressed personally on the subject of religion."

COMPANY WITHDRAWS.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 29.—Another British insurance company, the Norwich Union Fire, of Norwich, England, has withdrawn from the state and surrendered its license to the insurance commissioners.

DIED OF WRECK INJURIES.

COLTON, Cal., March 29.—H. L. Walchers, of Sacramento, one of the injured in the wreck of the Westbound Sunset Express at this point yesterday, died shortly before 2 o'clock this morning.

CHANGE IN CUBA.

HAVANA, March 29.—A report published here by the Comercio and the Cuba, conservative newspapers, that Consul Steinhart was to succeed Provisional Governor Magoon, is denied by both Mr. Steinhart and Governor Magoon.

RACING SCANDAL

Alleged Drugging of Lou Dillon
Again in Courts.

CHARGES OF FRAUD MADE

Application in New York Courts To
Have Suit Against E. E. Smathers
Dismissed Causes Revival of Former
Troubles.

NEW YORK, March 29.—The famous gold cup trotting scandal involving the alleged drugging of Lou Dillon in the race against Major Delmar of Memphis in 1904, and the valuable trophy which the Memphis Trotting Association sought to recover from E. E. Smathers, came up again in the New York Courts yesterday yesterday when Ex-Congressman J. J. Adams made application to the Supreme Court to have the case against Smathers dismissed on the ground that the decision of the matter by the National Trotting Association has disposed of the charges. The application was opposed by the attorneys for Murray Howe, and the Memphis Association on the ground that the Memphis Association was not a member of the National Trotting Association and that any decision by that body could not affect its claims. This contention was upheld and the application denied and the case will come to trial within a few days.

Murray Howe, secretary of the Memphis Association, is now in the city with some 14 witnesses, who, it is said, include many well known men in the trotting world and some of the leading turf writers prepared, he declares, to support his original charges of fraud.

NEW YORK HORSEMAN EAD.

NEW YORK, March 29.—Frank Ehret, 41 years old, son of George Ehret, a wealthy brewer, died suddenly of apoplexy last night. Mr. Ehret was well known in racing circles. He formerly owned an extensive racing stable which included Yorkville, Belle and other fast horses. In 1895, he was married to Miss Ada Dare, a burlesque actress, but two years later, the couple went into the courts and secured a divorce.